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GREITENS CALLS LAWMAKERS TO APOLOGIZE

Woman at center of blackmail allegations asks for privacy

BY JACK SUNTRUP AND KURT ERICKSON
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

JEFFERSON CITY • The woman at the center of possible blackmail allegations aimed at Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens asked the media and the public for privacy Friday.

Through her attorneys at the St. Charles-based Knight & Simpson law firm, she asked reporters to leave her alone.

"This story has taken an emotional toll on our client, and she is extremely distraught that the information has been made public," a statement from the law firm said. "It is very disappointing that her ex-husband betrayed her confidence by secretly, and without her knowledge, recording a private and deeply personal conversation and then subsequently released the recording to the media without her consent."

"She wants to remain a private citizen and does not want to be a part of this story," the statement read. "We are asking the media and the public to continue respecting her privacy."

On Wednesday, hours after delivering his second State of the State address, Greitens admitted to a past extramarital affair in a statement first delivered to KMOV (Channel 4). The governor has subsequently denied any violence or blackmail against the woman with whom he had an affair — a defense spawned by allegations in an account and an audio recording released by her ex-husband.

The Post-Dispatch has not identified the woman, who has declined repeated interview requests.

St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner has launched a criminal investigation into Greitens. In an audio recording the woman's ex-husband said he surreptitiously made in 2015, the woman said Greitens took a compromising photo of her and said he would release it if she told anyone of their affair.

A spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office declined to discuss the investigation Friday. The woman's statement did not

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SHAPING UP N-ICELY

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Jeff Addison, a visiting ice sculptor from Kansas City, carves a piece for the Moonrise Hotel on Tuesday at Ice Visions in Kirkwood. The piece will be on display during the upcoming Delmar Loop Ice Carnival. Ice Visions was founded by David Van Camp.

Weather looks accommodating as Kirkwood business cranks up for annual Delmar Loop Ice Carnival

BY ERIN HEFFERNAN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

KIRKWOOD • A handwritten weather forecast has been taped to a freezer wall in the Ice Visions workshop every day this week.

The 4,000-square-foot business near downtown Kirkwood is one of the few full-time, professional ice carving operations in the country.

And this week its crew is hoping for one thing: temperatures well below freezing for one of the busiest weekends of the year — the Delmar Loop Ice Carnival set for Saturday and Sunday. The forecast seems to be cooperating.

"The conditions should be perfect," said Ice Visions owner David Van Camp, who has been carving ice for some 40 years. "The sculptures should just be beautiful, and they should actually last."

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FRANKIE MUSE FREEMAN

Iconic civil rights activist dies at 101

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Longtime civil rights leader, lawyer and activist Frankie Muse Freeman died Friday (Jan. 12, 2018). She was 101.

Her death was confirmed Friday night by her daughter, Shelbe Patricia Bullock.

"She went peacefully with her family beside her," Bullock said. "We ask for privacy until Sunday so we can plan services. She was a marvelous, warm woman, and we want to send her off in a good way."

Freeman

Mrs. Freeman, raised in a segregated town in Virginia, once said she wanted to become a lawyer to change the world she lived in.

She did.

The woman whom some would later call "Frankie Freedom" became a civil rights attorney who fought to end segregated housing and promoted equal rights

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Left and right rebuke Trump over remarks

BY JILL COLVIN AND ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON • President Donald Trump denied on Friday using certain "language" during a private meeting with lawmakers as fury spread over his comments about immigrants. But neither he nor the White House disputed the most controversial of his remarks: using an expletive to describe nations in Africa and saying he would prefer immigrants from countries such as Norway instead.

Trump's comments came during an Oval Office meeting where he questioned

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County man gets 15 years for marijuana conspiracy

BY ROBERT PATRICK
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS • A man from St. Louis County whose marijuana conspiracy funded a "lifestyle of luxury" that led to an appearance on a reality show and travel around the world was sentenced Friday to 15 years in prison.

U.S. District Judge Audrey Fleissig blasted Thomas G. "Tommy" Anderson Jr. for running his drug trafficking organization in an "arrogant and flaunting manner," adding that she'd seen no remorse, no effort to turn his life around and nothing but a continuance of the arrogant manner since his indictment. She would later call it "appalling."

Anderson, she said, had been raised in a good home with an opportunity to go to college, but instead used that opportunity to begin dealing marijuana to Mizzou students.

He would eventually supply thousands of pounds of high-grade pot to St. Louis and other cities.

Prosecutors say he used the proceeds to visit California; Boston; Cancun; the United Arab Emirates; Medellin, Columbia; and Sao Paolo, Brazil, where he stayed in "extravagant hotel suites" and

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